

Ladies/Gentlemen:

It is with decided concern that I note an effort underway to legislate satellite (namely XM) radio out of the local radio market. I specifically note H.R. 4026 where satellite radio is or will be furnishing traffic and weather reports for several larger cities.

Although I do not live in a large enough city, where traffic reports would be valuable, there is much that I appreciate about my subscription service to XM radio, and feel that it is in stark contrast to the present poor nature of our local FM radio. I am therefore most concerned when such an organization as the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) seeks to accomplish something via legal means, rather than by fair competition enabled by customer choice; in this case XM radio being restricted from providing local traffic information.

I must question what is next with satellite radio that the NAB will seek to restrict. A case in point is the disastrous turn of events for LPFM with the enactment of the Radio Preservation Act of 2000. This was largely brought about with influence from large corporations in the broadcast business, rather than objective scientific research. With this track record, I seriously doubt that the NAB has our best interests as radio listeners at heart.

I ask your careful, impartial, and objective consideration of this matter, and that we, as radio listeners, be properly represented. Thank you very much for your attention.